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The Pastor's Message

Dear Friends: The prayer meeting deserves well of us as Christians. It has been a source of profit and blessing to us in days past. It has supplied food for the nourishment of our spiritual life. It has brought us into relations of hearty and sympathetic co-operation with our fellow-members. We cannot afford to neglect the opportunity which it offers us. This year let us make the Wednesday night prayer service the center and focus for all our Christian activities. If this is done we may hope to secure the blessing of a normal, healthy and progressive religious life. The full and noble performance of our duty as members of Christ's church depends very vitally upon the cultivation of the prayer meeting habit.

OUR ANNIVERSARY.

Before the publication of another issue of "Church Life," the Diamond Jubilee Celebration will be a matter of history. Mr. Smith is wisely guiding the arrangements and before the end of the present week the invitations will probably have been sent out through the mails. The prospects indicate that we shall have a large number of out-of-town visitors. Messages from former members and absent members will form one of the features of the occasion. It will be well for everyone who is interested to start in with the Tuesday evening banquet and follow the meetings with complete faithfulness right through to the close. Every meeting will have its own individual character and its own special and peculiar attraction.

THE PROGRAMME.

There is a whole bundle of good things in store. Tuesday evening, October 27, occurs the Men's League Banquet, in charge of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Fine music is being provided and it is expected that addresses will be given by Prof. Charles R. Henderson, Dr. Jenkyn Lloyd Jones, of Lincoln Center, and Prof. Graham Taylor. Wednesday evening Rev. W. W. Everts, of Boston, will deliver the principal address, and there will be interesting historical papers by Mr. John H. Tomlinson and Mrs. W. E. Smith. Thursday evening is in charge of the Baptist Churches of Chicago. Hon. Francis W. Parker will preside and Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, Dr. Lathan A. Crandall, now of Minneapolis, but formerly and for twelve years pastor of the Memorial Church of Chicago, and Mr. L. Wilbur Messer, General Secretary of the Chicago Y. M. C. A., have promised to be present and speak. On Friday evening we will come together in a great re-union and social. We hope to hear words of cheer from Dr. Johnston Myers, of Immanuel Church, Mr. J. Spencer Dickerson, of The Standard, Dr. D. D. McLaurin, of the Second Church, and others. On Wednesday and Friday evenings written messages from absent members and friends will be read. Sunday morning the Anniversary Sermon will be preached; and the entire celebration will close with a service on Sunday evening, at which we expect to receive the greetings of churches of other denominations, from such representative men as Bishop Cheney, of Christ Church, Dr. J. A. Morison, of the First Presbyterian Church, and Dr. Gunsaulus.

ROYAL WOMEN.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society, under the leadership of Mrs. Clifford Williams, has pledged itself to raise one thousand dollars during the next three months, toward the cancellation of the mortgage on the lot south of the church, **provided the church itself shall raise the remaining four thousand dollars.** This action on the part of the women of our church is characteristically magnificent! The very wise proviso is a commendable challenge to the faith and generosity of the rest of us. Under the circumstances there is just one thing for us to do. Let us do it!

Your Pastor,
Austen K. de Blois.

MEN'S LEAGUE.

Since the last issue of Church Life the annual business meeting of the League and election of officers has taken place.

On the 15th of September at 8 o'clock (notices having been mailed at direction of the president by the secretary), the members met in the church parlors for the purpose of discussing the plans for the coming season and also to elect the officers who would direct the energies for the ensuing year.

It was a very enthusiastic gathering and fairly large in numbers. Mr. John H. Tomlinson and his most excellent nominating committee, after a summer's deliberation and after duly canvassing the situation, had decided on a most excellent corps of officers for the ensuing year and these were duly elected, as well also as the several committee chairmen. Those elected are as follows:

President, Mr. Wm. E. Smith.
First Vice-President, Mr. Charles M. Clarke.
Second Vice-President, Mr. C. L. Humphrey.
Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Vallette.
Assistant Treasurer, Mr. J. D. Stowell.
Secretary, Mr. Ralph Ridley.
Chairmen:
Membership Committee, Dr. W. H. Gale.

Social Committee, entertainment and speakers, Dr. Frank Gale; refreshments, Mr. L. C. Humphrey.

Rooms Committee, Mr. W. B. Nichols.
Fellowship Committee, Mr. C. H. Holman.

It is certain that this staff of officers will keep things moving and that a great deal of good will be accomplished by their efforts.

But it is also quite obvious that a corps of officers cannot be an Atlas and carry the whole load alone, but must have the support of the several members to help hold up the burden of that which is to be accomplished, and so it is urged that every member constitute himself a committee of one to further the efforts of the officers to accomplish their plans.

By now, also, the committee chairmen have selected and formed their several committees and shortly will be carrying their plans to completion. We have had in the last few years good live presidents in the persons of Mr. Trude, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Donnelley, etc., and this year we have been fortunate in securing another gentleman of the same caliber and who is in every sense the same as the others, a real "live wire," and is also well known among us.

Already he has had the officers and committee chairmen at his residence to talk over plans and ways and means and matters are at the point where they can quickly be executed when circumstances demand.

Another business meeting was held on Monday evening, Oct. 12, 1908, in the church parlors to discuss matters of great importance. Report later.

On the 27th of October (Tuesday evening) the regular Men's League Annual Banquet will be held in the church parlors and is to be a feature of the Church's 75th Anniversary Week. A splendid program is now in course of preparation and the ladies, who so efficiently and ably planned and directed the successful affairs of the past, will again (through their kindly consent) have full charge.

Nobody should miss this event. On the program are some of Chicago's brainiest and brightest speakers, and whose names attract attention all over the country. Besides the speakers, a fine musical program of unusual excellence is already prepared.

This is the particular and most auspiciously bright event of the year for the League, and it is desired that everybody turn out and join in an evening of good cheer and good fellowship.

Particulars will appear later in church calendar and also announcements will be made.

During the month the work done has been almost entirely that of discussing and formulating plans as the new officers have been in office only a little over two weeks, but much in that way has been done, results of which should appear later.

During the month we have had the misfortune to lose Brother C. F. Harvey from our membership by death, and this we deeply regret, assuring the bereaved family of our sympathy.

We also wish to offer our sympathy to Dr. Baldwin, another of our esteemed members, who has lately lost his mother. Dr. Baldwin has been a most faithful member of the League, being a member of the quartette, which was of such efficient service, and also a most valuable member in other ways. We assure him of our most heartfelt sympathy, and also wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

The Men's League Bible Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Sunday School Intermediate Department. We want to build up a very large class, and every man is especially urged to attend. A good teacher and interesting study and discussion. Don't miss what will do you a world of good. Come and be benefited. Everybody welcome.

(Signed) Frank W. Gale,
Dept. Editor.

WOMAN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

The first gathering of the Circle on October ninth was a large and enthusiastic one. Sixty-four of our members listened to a very attractive program. Two papers were read, either one of which would have made a program in itself.

Mrs. Spinney gave us the points of interest in the life of Wm. Carey, and Mrs. Bennett proved by a review of the years that Foreign Missionary effort has paid marvelous returns.

Mrs. McLaury gave a delightful account of a recent trip to Jamaica, illustrating her descriptions by interesting curios.

Mrs. Googins, by a skillful use of charts, showed the change in the relation of the Christian world to the heathen peoples that has taken place during the last hundred years.

Mrs. Loomis kindly favored us with two enjoyable solos.

At the social which followed, it was a pleasure to meet Mrs. Donnelley after her long absence, and Mrs. Simpson, of the Immanuel Church, as well as hosts of others.

THE LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society had their first meeting of the season on Friday, Oct. 9th, with a large number, and the work was started with much interest on the part of those present.

Our President, Mrs. Clifford Williams, was in the chair, looking brown and ruddy after her summer spent in the open country; was so full of energy and plans for work and pleasure for us all, that we felt she had been thinking and planning while absent. The Cutting Committee was out in force, with our dear Mrs. Smith at the head. We are thankful she is strong enough to take her place and commence the season with us. Let us hope more women of the church will join us and come at least part of the day if they cannot give the entire day twice a month to work for the needy ones. We become better acquainted and more social through these meetings.

Mrs. Humphrey, and her aids of the Luncheon Committee, gave us a most dainty and satisfying luncheon, and after partaking, our usual business meeting was held, all the reports being very gratifying. Then a surprise was sprung on the ladies, when, after a statement made by the pastor as to the debt on our church property, Mrs. Williams asked for a vote as to whether we would assume one thousand dollars of this debt, providing the church would pay the balance. This was agreed to, as the women of the society and church feel that this debt has been a burden for too long, and they would gladly do what they could to help wipe it out. Therefore, it was decided to give a Bazaar, or Christmas Market, before the holidays and raise this amount, and, we hope, even more.

We earnestly beg every woman in our church and congregation to put her wits and fingers to work, so that we may have a fine showing for this fair. Plain, as well as fancy, articles are always acceptable as well as saleable; therefore, won't you please help us, as this is a big undertaking and in numbers there is strength.

Mrs. G. E. J.

THE LORIMER CLASS.

At the annual election, held in the church parlors. Sept. 25th, the following officers were chosen for the coming year:

Jack Cameron, president.
Sam. Lingle, vice-president.
Adrian Webster, treasurer.
Ernest Hartung, secretary.
Hiram Loomis, membership committee.
Adrian Webster, social committee.
Ernest Hartung, athletic committee.

We are going to build up our class, and from the results so far obtained, our year will be a most successful one. Sunday, Oct. 11th, we had an attendance of nineteen, and we hope to increase this record and make our Bible class the largest.

Have you noticed the lot south of the church? Last Saturday four members of the class cleaned the lot of all the weeds and useless material, so now we can play basket ball and football. At a meeting held Sunday, the eleventh, Jack Cameron was elected captain, and Ernest Hartung re-elected manager of the basket ball team. If any one is anxious to try to make a place on the team, please hand your name to the captain or manager. We expect to have a successful season this year in basket ball. Further particulars will be given in next month's "Church Life" regarding exact date of the opening of our season and also where all games will be played.

Ernest Hartung.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

It has taken the Society some little time to get in working order after the break during the summer months. Now, that we are started, we expect to make progress. Several of the committees have held meetings and made their plans. The Prayer Meeting Committee met at the home of Miss Medora Googins, and arranged the topics and leaders for the next three months. The topic cards are printed and we want each member to secure one. Your name may be down as a leader.

The Missionary Committee has adopted a new method for raising our missionary funds. Each member was requested to pledge at least two cents a week for missionary purposes. This money is collected in mite boxes which will be found in our prayer meeting room every Sunday evening, and each contributor has a box on which is printed his or her name. Seventeen have already responded to the request and if you have not made your pledge, do so at once, and give it to Miss Anna de Clercq, chairman.

The Finance Committee has held a meeting and has some important recommendations to present to the Executive Committee, and later to the Society. We trust that all members will make an effort to be present Sunday evening, October 18th. Miss Hattie Todd, who is chairman of the Finance Committee, will lead the meeting.

Mrs. S. T. Foster, chairman of the Visiting Committee, called the committee together at her home. Plans were made for quite extensive calling. Most of this work will be done in the interests of the C. E. Society, but so far as their time and strength will permit they will be glad to call on any whose names are given to them by the pastor or Sunday School superintendent. This committee has charge of distributing the flowers that are used in the church and if you know of any sick one in our church, will you report to Mrs. Foster or any member of the committee.

Dr. de Blois met with the Executive Committee Sunday afternoon, October 4th, to discuss some ways in which the Society could be helpful to the church this winter. He suggested a plan by which the services of a number are required; and by rendering this service, they will not only bring a blessing to the church, but to themselves.

In order to make the after-meeting what it should be, it is necessary for some of the church workers to give a cordial greeting to the strangers and invite them to this meeting. This is a work that our young people can do. It has already been commenced, but there are not nearly enough workers. Will you not volunteer your services? We, especially, want the help of young men. Our pastor will greatly appre-

ciate any assistance our young people can give and will give.

A box social was held in the church parlors Friday evening, October 2nd. Although the attendance was small, this did not detract from the good time. However, we hope to see a much larger attendance at our next social. If you have any suggestions along the line of entertainment, please report to Mr. Ernest Hartung, chairman.

C. E. de Clercq,
President.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Our Baptist Orphanage is to have their annual meeting and reception on October twenty-seventh, when we hope some of our ladies will make an effort to visit the home and also patronize the sale of fancy articles given on the same day. Just because these little ones are out of sight, we must not let them get out of mind, dear sisters. Go out to Maywood, buy some things and if you don't need them, save them and donate them to the big bazaar to be held at the church before Christmas and so be twice blessed.

The country is beautiful at this time of the year for short trips, the home is attractive and the little ones in our care are just the same as yours and mine, only they are orphans. Let us remember who has said, "As you do unto the least of these my brethren."

Mrs. E. H.

PERSONALS.

Miss Harriet Stone, daughter of Mrs. Leander Stone, 3352 Indiana avenue, has left for New York, whence she will sail with a party of young women for Europe. They will enter Miss Stone's school in Rome, Italy, and will pass the year in study.

Mrs. Hilton, who has been for some weeks at Belleville, Ont., is expected home in time for the Anniversary meetings.

Mr. Dan Baker, one of our long-time members, attended church two Sundays lately—on his way from Montana to Washington, D. C.

Miss Amy Collier is filling the position of organist in the Chicago Lawn M. E. Church. She was also chosen to act as organist during the recent sessions of the Rock River Conference. Her ability as a musician is well known.

MARRIED.

Leland—Huskey. On Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1908, in Austin, at the home of Mr. H. A. Huskey, brother of the bride, occurred the wedding of Mr. Robert Leland and Miss Florence Huskey, both well known and beloved workers in our church and Sunday School. Only the immediate relatives were present. Miss Huskey was formerly a member of our church, but for the past year and a half has been residing in Cleveland, O. Mr. and Mrs. Leland have taken an apartment at 1024 E. 59th St.

We extend congratulations and best wishes, and a hearty "welcome home" to Mrs. Leland.

MRS. BALDWIN.

Mrs. Sylvia Baldwin, mother of Dr. C. M. Baldwin, died during the week of Sept. 13, 1908, at 3157 Prairie Ave. Hers was a noble and beautiful life. Funeral services were held from the 1st Congregational Church, of Oak Park. Mrs. Baldwin had made her home for the last two years with her son, Dr. Baldwin, to whom, and to Miss Baldwin, is extended our sympathy.

MRS. VALLETTE.

Mr. W. H. Vallette, a faithful member of our church, has been called upon recently to mourn the loss of his honored mother. The St. Louis "Globe-Democrat," has the following account of her life:

Mrs. Marcy A. Vallette, relict of the late Frederick A. Vallette, formerly in the lumber business in this city, died at the residence of her son, Charles A. Vallette. Mrs. Vallette at the time of her death was the oldest member of the First Congregational Church, Delmar avenue, near Grand. She was a daughter of Thomas Field, and was born on South Scituate Island, twelve miles from Providence, R. I., March 25, 1816, consequently was 92 years old. She went to Cincinnati as a school-teacher in 1842, and was married there in 1845. She came to St. Louis in 1854. She was the mother of seven children, all living; had twenty-seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Vallette was a descendant of the distinguished Field family of the East. They settled at Field's Point, R. I., in 1637, following Roger Williams' settlement of Baptists. The family has produced many eminent men. Mrs. Vallette's grandfather, Thomas Field, was an officer in a Rhode Island regiment in the revolutionary war. Among the representative members of the family were Marshall Field, Cyrus W. Field, Justice Stephen J. Field and the poet, Eugene Field. The late Cassius M. Clay, of Kentucky, was a relative.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

The following resolutions were adopted at a recent meeting of the Men's League:

Whereas, Death has entered our ranks and claimed our Brother C. F. Harvey for his own, and to him the valley of the shadow proved to be a path of peculiar trial and suffering, which he patiently endured learning to walk hand in hand with the Master, learning to trust in Him more and more as he approached the day of his deliverance:

Be it resolved, That the memory of his patience in suffering will ever be an inspiration in our lives and the knowledge that he found rest and peace in God is a true comfort in our sorrow.

Surely Brother Harvey is now one of that great multitude who have gone up through great tribulations and now stand before the throne in their royal robes free from suffering and the sting of death, acclaiming glory and honor unto Him who has saved them.

Resolved, That we assure the family of our brother of our deep sympathy and with them we will rejoice in the peace and hope of the Gospel of our Lord, which assures us that there is a

land of pure delight where God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes and there shall be no more suffering, nor sorrow nor parting.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered on the records of the League, and also given to Mrs. Harvey; also that a copy be published in the forthcoming issue of "Church Life."

L. C. Humphrey,
W. H. Gale,
F. W. Gale,
Committee.

Also the following:

Resolved, That the Men's League of the First Baptist Church of Chicago take this means to extend to our highly esteemed Brother Dr. C. M. Baldwin, an assurance of our sympathy for him and his in their recent bereavement by their mother's going home.

As we pass through the valley of the shadows, what comfort God's children have in His precious promises.

"As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you saith the Lord."

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered on the records of the League, and also given to our brother, and published in "Church Life."

L. C. Humphrey,
W. H. Gale,
F. W. Gale,
Committee.

LEANDER STONE.

In the early thirties, a tide of emigration set in from the eastern states to the then New West. The frontier village of Chicago was becoming known, Milwaukee had a place on the map and the southern states were sending their sons by the rivers into southern Illinois and Missouri.

In 1833 a colonization society formed in Oswego County, N. Y., sent their agents ahead who took up lands and prepared to found a town on the shores of Lake Michigan. They called the place Southport, left representatives to hold their claims and in the winter of 1835 and 36, the colony came in wagons, arriving in Wisconsin in the spring of 1836, my own mother, a child of 13 years, being one of the company.

In the following year, 1837, a man, named Stone, a college graduate of fine literary attainments, followed with his family and took up a farm six miles west of the new town, which is now the city of Kenosha.

This Mr. Stone was in after years my first school teacher and his second son, Leander Stone, is the subject of this sketch.

From my earliest childhood, I remember him as one of my best friends, a frequent guest at my father's table, a school teacher in winter, a farmer during the summer season, superintendent of our Sunday school, chorister and church clerk, uniting with the Baptist Church in his 19th year.

Personally he was active and robust, of medium height, light blond hair, full blue eyes, fair complexion and rosy cheeks, all of which conspired to give him a peculiarly youthful, boyish appearance. Always cheery and bright, sympathetic, truth-loving and religious, honored and respected by all and loved by his friends. Many times my mother held him up to me as her model of all a young man should be. In those days I learned to love him and that love and intimate friendship endured to the day of his death.

In making a farm in those early days in the western wilderness, life was hard and every child had to bear a full share of the family burdens, and so young Stone with many hours of hard labor, found few advantages for an education, schools were few and poor, and as a result Mr. Stone was almost entirely self-educated. While working as a farm hand from 14 to 16 years of age, it is said of him that his Latin grammar was his constant pocket companion and with every opportunity he would con it over with constantly increasing delight.

He fitted himself to become a teacher in the Kenosha schools, the first system of free graded schools ever established in the west, which system antedates the Boston school system by two years. Pursuing his studies while teaching, he never attended college, but passed examinations and received a degree.

He was an early disciple of Pittman and my teacher in shorthand and German. A very modest, sweet-tempered man. In all my long acquaintance I never saw him angry but once and that under severest provocation.

Leaving this school, he became proprietor of the leading newspaper at Kenosha. In 1860 our paths separated. Mr. Stone became principal of the First Ward school in Milwaukee. Coming to Chicago, he became principal of the Jones school in 1864, at which time he united with the First Baptist Church, located at Washington and La Salle streets. He aided materially in building the church on Wabash avenue and Hubbard Court, and was the first old friend to welcome the writer when uniting with the church in 1866. He became clerk of the church when located at 31st and South Park avenue, and so served the church until disabled from further work in 1886, a term extending over eleven years.

He was the first shorthand reporter employed upon a Chicago newspaper, being for seven years reporter, city editor and court reporter of the Chicago Times. His skill was so great that he could write 220 words per minute. At the convention which nominated President Grant in 1868, Mr. Stone had charge of all reportorial work and an hour after the nomination a full report of the proceedings was in type. He also did remarkable work as a reporter during the great fire of 1871.

His activities were great and varied, a close student, a great reader, of remarkable memory, a forcible writer, a geologist and botanist and gave much attention to scientific discoveries of his day. He was a member of the Academy of Science and his contributions to the Academy were many and valuable. Mr. Stone was elected a member of the Board of Education in 1870, serving for two terms. He introduced drawing into the schools, and the Douglass and Lincoln schools were so named upon his motion.

Mr. Stone was a member of the American Association for the advancement of science, an organizer and director of the Charity Organization Society and an old and honored member of the Chicago Press Club. In 1872 Mr. Stone, a Baptist, became managing editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, the Methodist

paper, retaining this position until incapacitated by troubles which developed into paralysis, which ended his business life and resulted in his death.

He was described by one as a "Manly Man," by another as "a busy man, always busy in some good work," and we who knew him best, knew he was a pure man, a true man and a great man.

The Rev. Dr. Arthur Edwards, of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, said of him: "In all these years the man I learned to know never for the space of a heart beat said or did anything inconsistent with the character of a true Christian gentleman."

His final sickness was the result of over work and over strain and for two years he was a constant, helpless sufferer, but patient and cheerful through it all.

It was a great privilege to have known him. I thank God for the example he set before me, both in youth and manhood, and that I was able to do something for his comfort in his last days.

He died April 2, 1888, and is buried with his three children in the city that was his home in youth and early manhood. Of him his pastor, Rev. Dr. P. S. Henson, has said: "I have rarely known a man who combined so many winsome qualities, so much of feminine sweetness, so much of splendid manhood. He loved the truth with remarkable fidelity and for itself alone. With him it was a passion, his mind was like a mountain lake, clear and deep, and yet reflecting every passing cloud as well as every far-off star. He was a man of rare tenderness, and yet of rare humor, and so his life was sunny as well as strong. He loved children and flowers and man and God. He loved his church but his love was broader than this church and this denomination. In the love of that Bible he lived; in the faith of that Bible he died. In every relation of life he so carried himself that every one said, 'He has done everything beautifully.' He rests from his labors and his works do follow him. Let us follow him as he followed Christ."

W. E. S.

RECOLLECTIONS OF REV. AND MRS. ALLEN B. FREEMAN.

By M. D. Gage.

Rev. Allen B. Freeman, the first missionary appointed by the American Baptist Home Mission Society for the great Northwest, and who organized the First Baptist Church of Chicago, October 19, 1833, was the writer's uncle, by marriage, his wife being my mother's youngest sister. Mr. Freeman was the son of a Baptist minister who was for many years pastor of the church at Truxton, Courtland County, N. Y., and who left his family of eight children to become a home missionary in Ohio. Allen was born at Truxton, December 10, 1807, and was twelve years old when his parents removed to the West, leaving him in care of the older children.

He was converted and became a member of the church soon after the removal of his parents. When impressed with a sense of duty to preach the gospel he began a preparatory course of study in the local academy, and in 1826, at the age of nineteen years, he entered Hamilton Literary Institute, graduating in June, 1833, soon after which he was ordained and appointed by the Home Mission Society to a field of labor at Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio. Meanwhile he had formed the acquaintance of Miss Hannah C. Clark, the youngest daughter of Moses and Elizabeth Clark, who settled at Pittiford, Monroe County, N. Y., about the beginning of the eighteenth century. He was a devoted Christian, whose two wives, two sons, and six daughters were members of the Baptist church at Mendon, near Pittiford. The subject of this sketch was born at the latter place in 1805, the precise date being unknown to the writer.

She was converted and baptized at the age of eleven years. In a letter written by her father to my mother, July 13, 1816, which is still preserved, I find an account of a great revival at Mendon, near Rochester, N. Y., a partial result of which was the baptism of fifteen young converts, one of whom was Hannah C. Clark, in the presence of 1,500 people, and of a communion service on the same day in a large barn when 105 members partook of the sacred elements. In another letter her father stated that she related her religious experience in such a manner as to melt the hearts of all who heard it.

After the death of her parents, she had her home with the oldest sister, at Georgetown, where Mr. Freeman supplied the pulpit of a small Baptist church during his course of study. He thus met and became engaged to her. But the marriage took place at New Woodstock, in my boyhood home, in July, 1833, Elder John Peck, who was pastor of the First Cazenovia Baptist Church, at my native place for thirty-three years, performing the ceremony. I was at that time nearly six years old and remember the events as the most impressive scene of my early boyhood.

Immediately after their marriage they bade us farewell and began the long journey to Ohio. As there was not a mile of railroad in all the region in which they traveled, much time was occupied in the journey to Chillicothe. They visited Mr. Freeman's parents on their way, and on their arrival at that place, were soon instructed by the Home Mission Board to change their field of labor, Chicago being designated as a far more important point. Accordingly they resumed their journey, passing through Michigan on their way, crossing Lake Michigan, and arriving at Chicago, August 16, 1833.

In her first letter to my mother, written September 24, Mrs. Freeman gave an account of the long and tedious journey. The letter was sent to New York City by private conveyance, where it was mailed October 7, and received at New Woodstock on the 9th, the postage being 18¾ cents. The condition of Chicago was also described, as the United States authorities were then engaged in negotiating a treaty with Black Hawk and his confederates. He had recently been captured in a tamarack swamp, near Palmyra, Wis., and his associates were under the influence of "fire-water," which made them wild. But Mrs. Freeman had no fear for her safety. It thus appears that when Abraham Lincoln was serving as a Captain of Illinois volunteers in subduing the hostile Indians, Mr. Freeman began his missionary labors, as the pioneer of our Baptist hosts in the vast region west of the great lakes.

Mrs. Freeman stated the fact that the names of seventeen Baptists had been secured, who were pledged to unite in the organization of a church. She made special mention of Dr. and Mrs. Temple, who gave the missionaries a most cordial welcome to their home and aided largely in gathering the scattered Baptists into an organization. She also said that a young Congregational minister had arrived on the field. He was the Rev. Jeremiah Porter, with whom Mr. Freeman became intimately associated. When the devoted servant of God had succeeded in organizing the First Baptist Church of Chicago, he extended his labors into the adjacent region, and in the succeeding year founded four other churches, one of which was fifty miles distant. On returning from his last tour his horse died, he was compelled to complete his journey on foot, and contracted a severe cold, which resulted in his death, December 15, 1834, at the age of twenty-seven years and five days. In less than eighteen months from his appointment by the New York Board, he accomplished results which made his name forever memorable in the history of home missions in the northwest. Rev. Mr. Porter preached the funeral sermon at his home, December 21, 1834, a copy of which I enclose with this brief sketch of his life and labors. Mrs. Freeman sent it to my mother, soon after its publication, and, with her first letter, it has remained in our family for almost seventy-five years. Mr. Porter became chaplain of an Illinois regiment during the Civil War, when I served in the same capacity in the Twelfth Indiana Infantry. We therefore met occasionally, when he testified to the nobility of Mr. Freeman's character and faithful service. He lived to an advanced age and one of his daughters is now a missionary in Japan.

Mrs. Freeman became the wife of Rev. Alvin P. Bailey, pastor of the Baptist church at Jacksonville, Ill., where she died, lamented by all who knew her. She left one son, Alvin P. Bailey, Jr., who also became a clergyman. Being dead, she, also like her first husband, yet speaketh.

OUR COMMON FAITH.

George Muller's narratives ought to help strengthen the faith of any true Christian or lead any unbeliever to put confidence in the Father who always answers true prayer for all who truly and carefully read, consider and obey His word. In 1842 Mr. Muller wrote:

"I desire that all the children of God who may read these details, may thereby be led to increased and more simple confidence in God for everything which they may need under any circumstances, and that these many answers to prayer may encourage them to pray, particularly as it regards the conversion of their friends and relatives, their own prayers in grace and knowledge, the state of the saints whom they may know personally, the state of the church at large, and the success of the preaching of the gospel. Especially I affectionately warn them against being led away by the device of Satan, to think that these things are peculiar to me, and cannot be enjoyed by all the children of God; for though, as has been stated before, every believer is not called upon to establish orphan houses, charity schools, etc., and trust in the Lord for means; yet all believers are called upon, in the simple confidence of faith, to cast all their burdens upon Him, to trust in Him for everything, and not only to make everything a subject of prayer, but to expect answers to their petitions which they have asked according to His will, and in the name of the dear Lord Jesus.

"Think not, dear reader, that I have the gift of faith, that is, the gift of which we read in 1 Cor. 12:9, and which is mentioned along with 'the gifts of healing,' 'the working of miracles,' prophecy, and that on that account I am able to trust in the Lord. It is true that the faith which I am enabled to exercise, is altogether God's own gift; it is true that He alone supports it, and that he alone can increase it; it is true that moment by moment, I depend upon him for it, and that, if I were only one moment left to myself, my faith would utterly fail; but it is not true that my faith is that gift of faith which is spoken of in 1 Cor. 12:9, for the following reasons:

"1. The faith which I am enabled to exercise with reference to the orphan houses and my own temporal necessities, is the selfsame faith which is found in every believer and the growth of which I am most sensible of to myself; for, by little anl little, it has been increasing for the last sixty-nine years.

"2. This faith which is exercised respecting the orphan houses and my own temporal necessities shows itself in the same measure for instance, concerning the following points: I have never been permitted to doubt during the last sixty-nine years that my sins are forgiven; that I am beloved of God, and that I shall finally be saved; because I am enabled, by the grace of God, to exercise faith upon the word of God, and believe what God says in those passages which settle these matters (1 John 5:1; Gal. 3:26; Acts 10:43; Romans 10:9-10; John 3:16, etc.) Further, when sometimes all has been dark, exceedingly dark, with reference to my service among the saints, judging from natural appearances, yea, when I should have been overwhelmed indeed in grief and despair, had I looked at things after the outward appearance, at such times I have sought to encourage myself in God, by laying hold in faith on His mighty power, His unchangeable love, and His infinite wisdom, and I [illegible] myself; God is able and willing to deliver me, if it be good for me, for it is written, 'He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?' Rom. 8:32. This, this it was which being believed by me through grace, kept my soul in peace. And thus in other of my temporal and spiritual concerns I pray to the Lord, and expect an answer to my requests, and may not you do the same, dear believing reader?

"Oh! I beseech you, do not think me an extraordinary believer, having privileges above other of God's dear children, which they cannot have; nor look on my way of acting as something that would not do for other believers. Make but trial. Do but stand still in the hour of trial and you will see the help of God, if you trust in Him. But there is so often a forsaking the ways of the Lord in the hour of trial and thus the food of faith, the means whereby our faith may be increased, lost."

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Sept. 2, 1908—Wednesday: Prayer meeting, led by Deacon Wigney.

Sept. 3—Thursday: Meeting at Raymond, led by Dea. W. R. Raymond.

Sept. 6—Sunday: Preaching in the morning by Dr. de Blois, our pastor, just returned. Subject, "Nearness to God."

Preaching in the evening by our pastor.

Preaching at Raymond by Rev. E. L. Kelley.

C. E. Consecration Meeting. Subject, "A Life Lived with God." Leader, R. C. Leland.

Sept. 7—Monday: Open Air Service, conducted by Bro. H. H. Van Meter.

Sept. 9—Wednesday: Prayer meeting, led by our pastor.

Sept. 10—Thursday: Raymond Chapel, prayer meeting, led by Rev. E. L. Kelley.

Sept. 13—Sunday: Preaching morning and evening by Dr. de Blois.

C. E. Meeting. Subject, "Commending Our Society by Church Attendance." Leader, Mr. Cassius Williamson.

Preaching at Raymond by Rev. S. T. Foster.

Sept. 14—Monday: Open Air Service, led by Bro. H. H. Van Meter.

Sept. 15—Men's League. First meeting of the season. Election of officers.

Sept. 16—Wednesday: Regular prayer meeting, led by our pastor.

Sept. 17—Thursday: Raymond Chapel, prayer service, led by Rev. S. T. Foster.

Sept. 20—Sunday: Morning sermon by Dr. de Blois, "The Ideal Church Member." Baptism. Evening sermon, "The Beauty of the King."

Preaching at Raymond Chapel, by Dr. E. C. Spinney.

Sept. 21—Monday: Open Air Service, conducted by Bro. Van Meter.

Sept. 23—Wednesday: Prayer meeting, led by the pastor. Subject, "Our Call into Macedonia."

Sept. 24—Thursday: Raymond prayer meeting, led by Dr. E. C. Spinney.

Sept. 27—Sunday: Preaching morning and evening by Dr. de Blois. Morning subject, "Help from the Hills." Evening subject, "Possibilities of the Christian." Baptism. Preaching at Raymond by Rev. E. L. Kelley.

Sept. 28—Monday: First meeting of the Amoret Henson Guild.

Sept. 30—Wednesday: Prayer meeting, led by Dr. de Blois. Subject, "True Riches."

Chicago Baptist News.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Ogden Park.—The annual meeting, September 9, revealed a cheerful condition financially and a deeper tone spiritually. The new church year opens auspiciously. Baptisms have occurred every Sunday for six weeks. Several valuable additions by experience and letter. The working force has doubled in the year and a half of the present pastorate and the end is not yet. Pastor Dewey spent his vacation month (August) increasing the roll of members.

First Church, Elgin.—Dr. J. S. Kirtley resigned the pastorate of this church on September 6, and has accepted a call to the First Church of Duluth. Illinois is sorry to lose such a brilliant preacher and genial brother, but congratulates Minnesota on its gain for the Baptist cause. Mrs. Kirtley's health has been poor and it is hoped that the change of climate will prove beneficial.

Morgan Park.—The union tent meetings under the leadership of Evangelist Smith continued through the month of September. The weather was ideal for the work an. the meetings have been largely attended, as many as 800 being present at one service. There have been conversions continually and all of the churches will receive a large number of additions to their membership.

"Worry, the Sin of America," was the subject of an address recently given at Chicago Central Young Men's Christian Association by A. R. E. Wyant, M. D., who believes in the moral as well as the medical treatment of functional nervous diseases. He has been asked to give the same address at the Young Men's Christian Association of Kenosha, Wis., October 11, and will be glad to make engagements to give it elsewhere.

Lexington Ave.—The Sunday-school held its autumn entertainment and social on Thursday evening, September 24. The attendance was large, the special feature of the evening being an illustrated lecture on the "Passion Play of Oberammergau," by A. R. E. Wyant, M. D. Other churches may arrange for this lecture by addressing 606 West Sixty-ninth street, or Phone Wentworth 871. Rally Day was observed on September 27 by a program and special music. The Bible class is also to be congratulated for having won the second annual outdoor track-meet of the Cook County Bible Class Athletic Association on Labor Day. The ball team are also the champions of the baseball association.

Auburn Park.—Pastor Peterson preached a series of three sermons during the past month on "The Kind of a God We Need," "The Kind of a Disciple God Needs," and "The Kind of a Church a Community Needs."

Pilgrim Temple.—Pastor Thoms returned on September 13 from his vacation at Washington Island, where he preached and encouraged plans to erect another chapel on the east end of the island. Rally Sunday was observed September 20. A number of institutional features, such as games, reading room, etc., are being introduced to interest a still larger number of young people in the community.

Hyde Park.—The two articles by Dr. Jackson in *The Standard* for September 19 and 26 should be read by every Baptist who wants a clearer knowledge of "Religious Conditions in Chicago." Prof. Hoben and family, who recently came to the Divinity School, have been welcomed into active relationship with the church.

Englewood.—Unlike most preachers, Dr. Ford feels that when his church gives him a vacation it is for his rest or storing up of energy for the year ahead and not for the purpose of giving him a chance to supply other churches to increase his salary, so he spent his time at the seaside in the most restful way. The whole church observes Rally Day on October 4 in all departments. They make a great day of it, in fact as well as name.

First.—Dr. de Blois and family received a most hearty welcome after his two months' vacation in Canada. He feels delighted with the service rendered by the lay members of the church in the absence of an assistant pastor. The diamond anniversary of the organization of the church is now the absorbing topic of interest, and the plans are to celebrate it in a worthy way.

Normal Park.—On September 10, the church gave a general social and welcome-home reception to Pastor and Mrs. Anderson. Over 200 enjoyed the program of short addresses, music and refreshments. The Anderson Men's Bible Class, under the presidency of Mr. Howell, now has an enrolment of 100 and aspires to 150 by January 1. The congregations are large and the outlook for a good year is hopeful.

North Shore.—The church has been having a number of able pulpit supplies during the summer. Among them were Profs. Soares and Johnson, Drs. W. M. Lawrence, G. C. Moor, R. E. Manning, H. C. Reisner of Texas, J. T. Christian, J. R. Straton, and on September 20 and 27 Rev. I. E. Bill supplied the pulpit. The services have been well attended and it is hoped to settle a pastor soon.

Austin.—The annual meeting was held on September 9. The receipts for the past year were $5,394, leaving a deficit of $800 in current expense fund. Receipts for building fund, $4,232. Total benevolences, $2,110.

Auburn Park.—Rally Week, beginning September 28, was observed by church, Sunday-school and young people. Pastor Peterson has given "Advancement" as the watchword for work.

Galilee.—Our work is very substantial and hopeful in outlook. We are interested in helping to organize a mission to develop into a church at West Ravenswood, near the North western elevated station.

Washington Park.—Pastor Kelly now resides at 5417 Wabash avenue and is directing actively a church canvass of the field. He hopes to discover some hopeful material for his spiritual building.

Ravenswood.—Pastor Styles has begun an earnest fall campaign. Successful tent meetings have been held at Berteau Mission, under the direction of the North District B. Y. P. U.

LaSalle Ave.—Pastor Buck resigned after four years' hard and successful work, during which time 267 were added to the church, 173 of these by baptism and experience. He has no definite future plans, and we doubt not that some needy church will find him a good pastor soon.

Second.—The Gideons will have charge of the Sunday services at the Morgan St. Branch during the winter. Pastor MacLaurin baptized four during September. He attended the state convention, at Pierre, So. Dak., the first of the month, making an address and preaching twice. The outlook is bright for successful church work.

THE BAPTIST EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF CHICAGO.

By F. L. Anderson.

Fifty-four churches of the Chicago Baptist Association were represented by accredited delegates at the meeting called to consider the advisability of organizing a Baptist Executive Council. This meeting was held Friday evening, September 25, 1908, in the First Church of Chicago.

The chairman of the Joint Committee, Rev. Johnston Myers, D. D., called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Rev. Martin W. Buck of the LaSalle Ave. Church.

Dr. Myers then stated the purpose of the meeting and outlined the general idea of the proposition before the representatives of the churches. He spoke of the trend of things for the last twelve and more years in the religious situation in Chicago and especially among the Baptists. He referred to the fact that what he foretold in the sermon he preached before the association in 1897 had now been fulfilled. The crisis had come to our downtown work. Some of our downtown churches are in a precarious situation. Our opportunity, however, is not lost, but immediate action is absolutely necessary in order to conserve our interests and advance as we ought and as the needs demand. He then called attention to concrete illustrations that corroborate what he had said.

What shall we do? Shall we sit idly by and let the opportunity go by? Or shall we put forth all our powers and conserve what we have and advance according to our opportunity? In order to do these things we need a stronger organization than any which we now have. The associational meetings are times when we get together to talk about the work but it is not a time to act in a determined, aggressive way. The Social Union has its place, but it is not organized to do definite work in our city. As to the City Mission Society the name takes away its dignity. The name brings to mind work among the poor and the foreigners. The women's organizations carry on work mainly outside of the city. As yet we have no organization to bring the whole denomination together in a united, executive capacity.

Dr. Myers then told of the steps taken by the committees acting jointly. He referred to the remarkable unity of spirit that had pervaded all the deliberations of the Joint Committee. The results of their work are embodied in the by-laws that will be presented to the delegates to accept, modify or reject, as they wish. He said that every word in the name of the proposed organization was significant and deliberately chosen by the committees. He then explained that the council could enter into the local affairs of a church only when asked to do so by that church itself except in cases where the property of the church or institution stands related to the council by legal contract.

After Dr. Myers' speech Mr. James G. Elsden, the chairman of the committee that had drawn up the by-laws, was asked to preside as temporary chairman and F. L. Anderson was chosen temporary secretary.

The secretary read the by-laws as recommended by the joint committee. After some important amendments were proposed and adopted, the delegates voted unanimously to adopt the by-laws as amended and to organize the council under them. Before the final vote was taken Dr. MacLaurin suggested that prayer be offered. The chair called on Dr. Judson B. Thomas to lead in prayer.

The following were chosen by the committee as directors for the first year:

F. A. Wells, J. G. Elsdon, D. D. MacLaurin, T. J. Bolger, J. H. Byrne, A. E. Wells, F. L. Anderson, A. K. de Blois, C. E. Hewitt, J. A. Johnson, E. D. Neal, Jacob Meier, S. C. Jennings, John Nuvern, E. S. Osgood, D. T. Denman, J. A. Earl, S. T. Ford, W. E. Gillespie, J. L. Jackson, W. E. Chalmers, R. W. Hobbs, H. B. Lyford, Shailer Mathews, Francis W. Parker, F. G. Svaris, R. N. Van Doren, D. C. Henshaw, C. O. Frisbie, Johnston Myers.

The directors elected were authorized by the council to proceed to perfect the legal organization of the council.

A committee was appointed to bring before the council at its next meeting nominations for the fifteen members at large of the council.

All in all, this was a remarkable meeting. The delegates were dead in earnest. They wanted to know what was expected of this new organization and they were determined that nothing should be done that could in any way interfere with the independence of the local Baptist Church or institution. In view of all this loyalty to the Baptist principle, every amendment carried unanimously and the by-laws, as amended, were adopted without a dissenting voice. The delegates were sure that the attempt to do the larger work would in no sense interfere with the work of the local church. In fact, it would be a great incentive and help to such work. The council adjourned after prayer by Dr. John L. Jackson, to meet in the same place Friday, October 23, at 8 o'clock.

After the adjournment of the council the

newly chosen directors met and chose the following as the officers for this year:

President, Dr. Johnston Myers; vice president; James G. Elsden; secretary, Rev. Frank L. Anderson; treasurer, A. E. Wells.

OUR OLDEST BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHICAGO.

The "Diamond Jubilee Celebration" of the First Church this month will doubtless be an occasion for recalling some facts of our denominational life here during the past seventy-five years. From a copy of *The Standard*, dated November 1, 1883, which included a four-page supplement write-up of the "Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration" of the First Church and "Denomination Jubilee" at Central Music Hall, we quote the following interesting facts:

The first Protestant church member in Chicago was a Baptist, Mrs. Rebecca Heald, in 1811.

The first Protestant sermon preached in the English language in Chicago was by a Baptist, Rev. Isaac McCoy, in 1825.

The first book ever written by a Chicago man was by a Baptist.

The first continuous Protestant Sabbath-school originated with the Baptists.

The Baptists had the first president of the Bible society in Chicago, and also had the president of the first temperance society .

In 1883, October 19, the First Baptist Church was organized with fifteen members by Rev. A. B. Freeman, who was chosen pastor. Chicago then had a population of about 1,000.

The first meeting-house was erected in 1833 at the corner of South Water and Franklin streets, and the second edifice, costing $7,000, at the corner of Washington and LaSalle streets, which was destroyed by fire in 1852. In 1854 a new edifice was dedicated, costing $30,000.

In 1856, a meeting, called by Dr. Burroughs, was held in the church to found Chicago University. It was stated that Judge Douglas had offered ten acres of land on condition that $25,000 be expended in 1857 and buildings to the amount of $100,000 be erected within 1860. The members subscribed $80,000 toward the enterprise. The theological seminary was organized October 2, 1867.

In 1864 the church site was sold to the Chamber of Commerce for $65,000. They gave $15,000 to other churches in the city and the church edifice to those who united in forming the Second Baptist Church. On a new site on Wabash avenue, south of Hubbard court, a new edifice was erected costing $175,000, and seating 1,500.

October 9, 1871, after the great Chicago fire, a relief department was established in the lecture room and over 12,000 meals were given and a supply store of clothing kept during the winter.

The church edifice was destroyed by the second great fire in 1874, and a new site was purchased on South Park avenue and Thirty-first street, and a building erected costing $80,000.

In 1883, a jubilee offering of $23,000 was subscribed through the special efforts of Pastor P. S. Henson, to cancel the mortgage debt and all obligations of the church.

Our laymen were active in the early days as now. In 1857 a few earnest Baptist young men, Andrew McLeish, Edward Couper, W. Atchison, Jr., A. C. Leckie and James Goodman, with some others, organized the Young Men's Religious Improvement Society of Chicago. It increased to about fifty members and in 1858 the society called a meeting which resulted in the organization of the Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago, of which Cyrus Bentley, a Baptist, was the first president.

CHICAGO BAPTISTS NOW AND TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

By A. R. E. Hyant, M. D.

The minutes of the last session of the Chicago Baptist Association has just been distributed, and, owing to change of date of meeting, the statistics cover only eight months. The following facts are noted as indications of the present Baptist strength in Chicago and vicinity. Number of churches in the association, 76. Present membership, 23,954. Gains reported: by baptism, 1,057; by letter, 808; by experience, 170; by restoration, 10; total gain, 2,045; total losses, 1,657; net gain, 388. Total enrolment of Sunday-schools, 20,651; net gain for eight months, 1,292.

Total value of church property, $1,850,300. Number of sittings, 33,285. For church expenses, $218,439. Improvements, debts, etc., $51,204. Total for home uses, $269,644. Total benevolent contributions: for church out-stations, $10,686; City Mission Society, $3,132; relief work, $4,843; general association, $1,144; American Baptist Home Mission Society, $3,856; Publication Society, $649; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, $4,759; Missionary Union, $6,987; Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society, $4,784; ministerial education, $1,112; Baptist ministers' home, $544; Baptist orphanage, $1,272; Baptist hospital, $359; miscellaneous, $9,110; total benevolences, $54,093.

Dr. Jackson, in discussing church advance in *The Standard* of September 26, said: "In direct religious advance and growth of churches, the gain has not been so marked as one could wish. While the population of the city has steadily increased, certain of our Protestant denominations, in certain years, have shown an actual loss in membership and a decrease in contributions. For example, the minutes of the Chicago Baptist Association for 1907 show in the Sunday-school enrolment a loss of 291. There was also a net loss in the two young people's organizations of 182. Of preaching services there were ten less than in the preceding year. There were six less Sunday-school services. sixteen less prayer meetings, four less out-stations conducted. The benevolent contributions were $6,492 less than in the year before and, sad to say, almost the entire decrease was in gifts to city mission work in support of outstation. To offset this discouraging report it is some comfort to know that in the last ten years there has been substantial gain in our denomination, an increase of almost 4,000 members, and almost $6,000 in benevolent contribution in 1907 over 1897."

Twenty-five years ago the membership of the Baptist churches (including colored, German and Scandinavian) and Sunday-schools was as follows: Number of Chicago churches, 20; Chicago pastors, 17; membership, 6,492; Sunday-school pupils, 5,813; suburban churches, 15; suburban pastors, 11; suburban members, 1,067; suburban Sunday-school pupils, 1,765; Chicago and suburban missions, 16; attendants of the missions, 2,442. Grand summary: churches, 35; pastors, 28; members, 7,559; Sunday-school pupils, 7,578; missions, 16; attendants of missions, 2,442.

Thus it will be seen that the Baptists have made substantial growth in membership during the past twenty-five years. And as Dr. Jackson has noted, our churches have never been more alive to the situation in the city than today, realizing the dangers and opportunities. The men's movement is another most hopeful feature. Our present movement for co-operation and co-ordination now fills our denominational horizon with brightest hopes of greater efficiency and consecration of time and money for the winning of Chicago for Christ.

THE NEW BAPTIST MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL BUILDING.

SHALL IT BE DEDICATED NOVEMBER, 11, 1908?

The new Baptist Missionary Training School building, 2969 Vernon avenue, Chicago, is completed, and we need only $25,000 to dedicate free from indebtedness. It is earnestly hoped that this amount can be secured by November 1 that we may dedicate the building at the time of our adjourned meeting, November 11.

We appeal to every friend of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society and the training school to aid us just at this time and to send gifts and pledges promptly. Our women have given nobly and in many cases at great personal sacrifice—many brethren have shown their appreciation of our efforts and their confidence in our work by their gifts, and if our friends will rally to our aid just now we shall be able to dedicate free from debt this new building, which stands a beautiful tribute to the memory of loved ones and a credit to our denomination. One hundred young women entered its doors September 16, to train for Christian service.

We earnestly request all who have made pledges to pay them immediately if possible, and if not, to report at once to Mrs. A. H. Barber, treasurer, 2969 Vernon avenue, the earliest possible dates when payments can be made. (Kindly notice the new address.)

The Lord has so richly blessed this undertaking we cannot afford to fail in this final effort. "He hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Let us rally to this call and honor Him by dedicating the new building this fall.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Do violence to God; seize the kingdom of heaven. He that forbids us to touch another's goods rejoices to have his own invaded; he that condemns the violence of avarice praises that of faith.—St. Paulin.

THE CHICAGO IMMANUEL MOVEMENT

"What Immanuel Baptist Church Will Do for You" is the title of a widely distributed leaflet by Pastor Johnston Myers. The program of service is so commendable that we seek to extend its publicity, and hope that many other churches will seek to do a larger work by following this worthy example.

HOW IMMANUEL CHURCH WILL HELP YOU.

Immanuel Church has started upon a new era of helpfulness. We believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to help humanity in every phase of its need. He is the all sufficient Savior. All power was given to Him both in heaven and in earth. "It has pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell." The church which represents him should take the same attitude towards human needs which He took. We must not shrink before any problem. We must not admit that Jesus Christ does not work in every domain of human life. He is the Lord of the spiritual as well as the material. "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ." While we have done some of His work, we will now, as a church, to do all of His work. We have tried to help people but we will help more people and help them in a larger way.

Immanuel Church Will Help You if You Are Sick

We can secure the services of a physician free. We can provide nurses. We can do more than this—we can pray for those who are sick and pray with them. In many instances Jesus Christ can do more than the physician. In some cases He will use means. Perhaps there are some who will suffer, whose illness may be removed instantly in answer to prayer. There is a spiritual and a mental side to all our illness. We are abundantly able to enter upon this realm and do this work. We invite the people to bring their sick to the church at nine o'clock every morning. We believe, however, that He will heal them in His own way and time. That He will use means and that again, He may not use any visible means. All cases which belong to the physician and the nurse we will take directly to them.

Immanuel Church Will Help You If You Have Legal or Financial Troubles.

Serious trouble might quickly be avoided by kindly words of advice. A small loan of money might relieve an unbearable position. There are hundreds who have no wise friend to whom they can go in the hour of their trouble. They go to a strange lawyer. At once they are involved financially. We recognize that there are many instances where the lawyer will be needed. In such cases we will advise those who need legal aid to go to some safe, wise man who is able to furnish it. There are home troubles which could be overcome by the proper conduct of affairs. Many a mother needs a friend to counsel with.

Immanuel Church Will Help You If You Are Destitute of Food or Clothing.

We always have the poor in our great cities

Many of them are worthy. Through unfortunate circumstances they find themselves and their families without sufficient supplies of the necessities of life. We will try to discriminate and use our best judgment in providing material help. A matron is in attendance at the church ready to furnish food for the hungry. Supplies of clothing are kept on hand. Our church visitors can investigate any case.

Immanuel Church Will Assist You in Securing Employment.

We are in touch with many business firms. People naturally ask us if we know those who could render satisfactory service. Many people could get work if they knew just where to go to find it. There are business firms and homes who are eager to secure the right kind of help. We will do our best every day to find employment for the unemployed.

Immanuel Church Will Help You If You Are Lonely.

There are hundreds of friendless people in our city. People do not know them. They are regarded with suspicion. They do not need money or work. They need the kindly influence of some friend or friends. They are depressed and discouraged because they are alone. Often fatal mistakes are made in forming the wrong kind of friendships. There are many people who are kind, cultured and Christian, who will be your friends in Immanuel Church.

Immanuel Church Will Help You to Understand the Will of God.

Hundreds are unhappy and failures in life because they are not doing the will of God. They are not where He would have them be. They are not following His plan for them. Our pastors and missionaries have been trained in the truths of God as applied to human life. The very building is dedicated to prayer. The secret of his happiness may be found for you in understanding God through these experienced Christian workers. Life will run along more smoothly and peacefully if it is in harmony with the Divine Will.

Immanuel Church Will Show You the Way of Salvation Through Jesus Christ.

The most important work of the church is the salvation of immortal souls. The body and its needs are all secondary to the great fact of salvation. We may have our doubts about Jesus and his power to save. The best place to have these doubts dispelled is at the church. We may not just understand how Jesus Christ saves an immortal soul. The Christian teachers whose lives are devoted to this work are best able to make this clear. We are doing our best work in trying to reveal Jesus Christ as the personal Savior and Friend of lost men and women. We are ready to take up this subject at any hour of the day or evening with any anxious, honest inquirer after the truth.

Immanuel Church Will Help You If You Are Worried.

There are many causes which lead to worry. These causes are all dispelled by the peace received into the soul through Jesus Christ. He gives that blessing through His Disciples. They represent Him. Their words and their prayers may dispel the worries which are eating out our very lives. If you are nervous or anxious we will show you how to have His Peace.

Immanuel Church Will Minister to You When You Are Dying.

We have no superstitions connected with the dying moments. We do not claim any priestly power. We are willing, however, to go to the sick room at any hour of the day or night to bring words of comfort, to give final directions, to pray and if need be to bring material gifts for the last moments.

For all these services we make no charges. We are glad to render them in the name of Jesus Christ and for His Glory. We do this freely, unselfishly and in the name of our Divine Lord. Our church is open all the day and those who need these ministries of love are welcome to come. At nine o'clock every morning we hold our Comfort Meeting. We invite especially at that hour those who are sick, troubled, poor, lonely, worried, out of employment, lost, without a Savior.

PERSONALS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Dr. W. M. Lawrence, while spending his vacation in Chicago, supplied the Second Baptist Church, of which he was formerly pastor, the North Shore Church and the Third Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Ella Taylor Dodge, who has had charge of the home for missionaries' children since its establishment in Morgan Park, and has cared for ninety-six children, her family varying from five to twenty-three, has felt obliged to give up for a time this great responsibility. It is not surprising that these fourteen strenuous years have made change and rest a necessity, and that she has asked for a year's furlough. In granting the request the executive board expressed itself as follows: "By a unanimous vote of the executive board at our meeting yesterday I was asked to express to you our great appreciation of your faithful service for the past fourteen years. Your loving motherly and tender care of the children entrusted to you has been fully appreciated by the board as well as by the parents and children themselves. We earnestly pray that rest and freedom from the great responsibility may quickly restore you to health and strength." Mrs. Dodge is now residing with some friends at 590 South California avenue, Chicago, and Miss May Drake, of Michigan, who was formerly associated with Mrs. Dodge in the home, has taken charge of the work. Her past experience and successful management give assurance that the children will be well cared for during Mrs. Dodge's absence.

Rev. A. P. Garrett, who was student pastor at Amboy, Ill., while pursuing his studies at the University, has accepted a call to the First Church of Green Bay, Wis.

At the sixty-eighth convocation of the University of Chicago, 185 persons received degrees. In the Divinity School, bachelor of divinity was conferred on G. W. Cheesman, D. M. G. Hand;

master of arts on A. F. Bassford and W. H. Hannum, and doctor of philosophy on C. B. Williams.

At the ministers' conference on September 27 the following officers were elected for the coming six months: President, Dr. D. D. MacLaurin; Vice President, Rev. C. H. Snashall; Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Decker; Treasurer, Dr. C. B. Allen. Program Committee, W. S. Abernethy, Prof. Ira M. Pierce, Rev. W. A. Matthews. Introduction Committee: Rev. W. J. Sly, Rev. A. E. Peterson, Rev. W. D. Bancroft.

Rev. Judson Kempton, who baptized over 300 into the membership of the Baptist church of Muscatine, Iowa, during the past year, died of typhoid fever, on August 30, after a two weeks' illness, while on his vacation at Madison, Wis., where he was formerly pastor. His two brothers, one of whom was Rev. A. C. Kempton, of Janesville, Wis., died of the same disease, all in the prime of life.

Rev. W. C. Halbert, of Jefferson, Iowa, a graduate of the University Divinity School, after a two weeks' illness with typhoid fever, died on September 5.

The funeral services of Mrs. Emma R. Dickerson, who was one of the editors of *The Standard* for more than thirty years, was held at Newton Center, Mass., on September 6. She was the step-mother of Mr. J. S. Dickerson of *The Standard*, and was a woman of rare Christian graces.

The headquarters of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society have been transferred from 2411 Indiana avenue, to the splendid new structure of the Training School at 2969 Vernon avenue.

Many Chicago Baptists had come to know and love "Uncle Boston" Smith, and were saddened to learn of his sudden death by apoplexy, on September 9. He was a most efficient Sunday-school and chapel car missionary, and was loved by all the children everywhere who had heard his tender and entreating words.

The General Baptist Brotherhood will hold its national meeting in Chicago on November 12-13. Six sessions will be held, closing with a banquet at one of the hotels. The meeting is to be a delegated body including representatives from both Northern and Southern Baptists and Canada. The meeting will be one of supreme importance and should have a large local attendance of the men of our churches.

Who ever heard of such a thing before? asks *The Standard*. Here is a man who actually declines an honorary degree of D. D.! Prof. Ernest W. Clement, of Duncan Academy, Tokio, Japan, declares that while he thoroughly appreciates the compliment he feels strongly that the degree of D. D., even though bestowed by such an institution as Bucknell University, does not at all fit him as a layman and he therefore declines the honor. "I hope that I shall not seem ungrateful." Indeed not. All honor to a man who has such good sense and such appreciation of the eternal fitness of things.

Mrs. Harriet W. Hewitt, of Albion, N. Y., who was a sister-in-law of Dr. C. E. Hewitt, of the University Divinity School, recently bequeathed about $30,000 to our several missionary societies, the women's home and foreign societies each receiving $2,000.

It has been announced that after Dr. P. S. Henson has closed his pastorate at Tremont Temple, Boston, on December 1, he will come to Chicago and supply for several Sundays at the Kenwood Evangelical Church, a large union church not far from the field of his former labors at the First Church. Many of his Chicago friends will be glad to see and hear him again.

It is expected that the men's chorus for the fall festival of the Cook County Sunday-school Association will reach a membership of 500. It will be led by Mr. E. T. Clissold, who also leads the Baptist Men's Chorus. The festival will be held in Orchestra Hall on November 17 and should be largely attended.

The first meeting of the ministers' conference following vacation, was held on September 14. The attendance was large and Dr. J. S. Kirtley, recently pastor of the First Church, Elgin, gave one of his characteristic addresses on "Homiletic Helps from Nature." The first help, he said, is that which comes to the man himself. Nature does three things for him: Gives him gratification, discipline and knowledge. There is something wrong in us, we are unnatural, if we cannot see God through nature. Nothing is wrong with nature. When the minister has found the contact between God and nature he is then prepared to interpret nature to his people. The two elements of nature that appeal to us are beauty and sublimity. Drs. Greene and Johnston Myers spoke appreciably of the address.

On September 21, Dr. John M. Moore, General Secretary of the Baptist Forward Movement for Missionary Education, addressed the conference on the work of the movement. There are three convictions connected with it: (1) The mission of the church is missions; (2) the church is just beginning to take its missionary enterprise seriously; (3) fear for the future of the church unless it grapples with this problem. There are now 17,000 students in the colleges studying missions. There are 175,000 young people studying missions.

On September 28, Rev. T. J. Parsons, of the Messiah Church, spoke on "The Emancipation of the Church."

How easy is the thought, in certain moods, of the loveliest, most unselfish devotion! How hard is the doing of the thought in the face of a thousand unlovely difficulties!—Macdonald.

"What comfort that the Son of God himself calls us blessed, let whoever may speak ill of us."—Luther.

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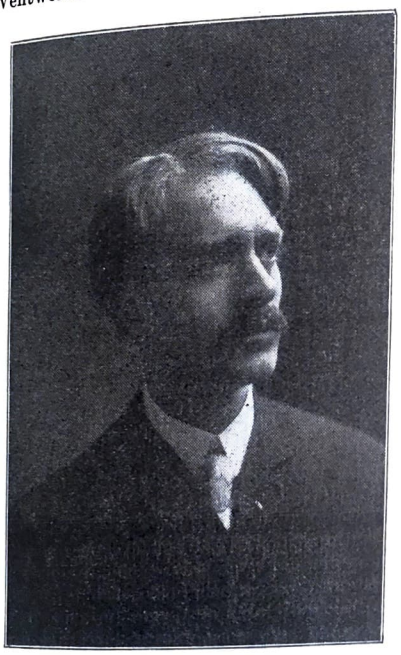

G. Herbert Bell, City President.

Our new president, Mr. Bell, has been an active worker in the Immanuel Baptist Church for a number of years and has been active as vice-president and president of the South District of our City Young People's Union.

Under the able leadership of Brother Bell this year the Baptist Young People of Chicago should push their work with a hearty will. Let us all do our share and we will see great results.

The City Board will visit the following churches during October and November:

October 11—Plano, Ill.
October 18—Millard Ave.
October 25—Humboldt Park.
November 1—Normal Park.
November 8—First German.
November 15—Western Ave.
November 22—Maplewood.
November 29—Parkside.

The city officers have visited the following unions during September: Washington Park on the 6th, Blue Island on the 13th, Austin Ave. on the 20th and the First Ravenswood and Ravenswood Swedish on the 27th.

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WANTED—MEN!

Within a very short time one of the most important elections ever held in Chicago will take place.

We will at that election vote for a President of the United States. This election will also decide who shall be Governor of Illinois. But the great issue to us men of Chicago is who shall be state's attorney? Shall the saloons dominate, or shall right prevail? This is the real issue.

If ever the Christian men of Chicago had an opportunity to show their colors, it is NOW. No real Christian man can afford to vote for either the Republican or Democratic nominee for state's attorney. It is well known that they are the friends of the saloon men. It is charged that the Republican nominee obtained his nomination by fraudulent methods. The Democratic nominee has been tried and found wanting.

Let us put aside our party affiliations and get together on this "real issue." Let us cast our ballots for the Prohibition nominee. You may say that it will do no good; that the other parties are too strong; that we can't beat them. Of course we can't if we just simply won't. But did you ever know Jesus Christ to forsake his children in any undertaking if they only just tried to accomplish it?

We say that we are not strong enough. Listen! "From whence cometh our strength? Our strength cometh from the Lord." We are strong or weak in just the proportion that Christ enters into our lives. Our victory or failure will be measured by the amount of faith we place in Christ our leader.

Don't you men know that Christ wants to see this city of ours, this grand city of Chicago, wrested from the control of the saloons? Surely you know it. "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, believing, it shall be given to you." Ask the Father to give us this victory over evil; and then go to the polls next November and help him answer your prayer by casting your ballot for the nominee of the Prohibition Party. And may the Lord give us a splendid victory, is my prayer.

G. HERBERT BELL,
President Chicago As's'n. B. Y. P. U.

West Side District B. Y. P. U.

Don't forget the District Social October 29. Be at the Fourth Church, corner of Ashland and Monroe, with a large delegation from your union at 8 o'clock. The social committee of the district is co-operating with the social chairman of the local union to make this the most interesting entertainment and social of the year. Don't fail to be there or you will miss a good time.

What is your union doing in missionary work? Some of the unions have already formed missionary study classes. Has your union done so; if not, why not? If you desire information on this subject Miss Marion Allison, 51 Campbell Park, who is our Missionary Superintendent, will be glad to help you. In regard to the work at Cook County Hospital, there is need of Bibles, Testaments, magazines and money. But there is a still greater need of workers. If you can help in any of these ways let Miss Allison hear from you. Very few realize how large the field is at the hospital and the great work that is being done by the few that are working there.

The Thanksgiving Sunrise Prayer Meeting is going to be held at the Western Avenue Church this year, and to those who have been to the former meetings that is all that is necessary to say. If you have been and know of some who have not, see that they come and that the meeting may be larger and better than ever before.

Not for nothing have they lived on high, mused on holy things, talked with God, drunk from eternal fountains; when the occasion arises they are equal to it, they have strength to subordinate the lower nature, to fulfill obligation, to make the costliest sacrifices; they develop power for watching, working, fighting for life and death. Irresistible and invincible forces accumulate in a soul that habitually dwells with God.—W. L. Watkinson.

NOTICE TO PASTORS.

CHAS. H. LAWRENCE, Gospel Singer, will be available for evangelistic service during the winter and spring. Can arrange satisfactory terms. References: Rev. W. A. Matthews, pastor Tabernacle Church, and L. A. Crittenton, 243 Wabash Ave.

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Chicago Temperance News.

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WORLD SURVEY.

Europe.

George Clemenceau, the French premier, who is not only a prominent political figure but also one of the most distinguished French writers of the present time, is reported by his intimate friend, George Brandes, in the new Berlin weekly, Morgen, to be a total abstainer.

The Scientific Temperance Federation had on exhibit at the recent World's Centennial Temperance Congress at Saratoga a large collection of display cards, colored charts and posters, and a table of literature representing the publications of anti-alcohol societies in Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Germany, Austria, Belguim, Switzerland and Italy. The colored charts showed statistical and experimental data covering the relation of alcohol to cell-life, to longevity, to physical and moral degeneracy, to crime, idiocy, dullness in school children, to mental and muscular working ability, the growth of temperance organizations in Germany and the decreasing use of alcohol in medicine.

The many requests for duplicates of these charts and posters, which were prepared at the Federation headquarters, 23 Trull street, Boston, Mass., has led to the decision to put two or three sets on the road as a Traveling Loan Exhibit, as soon as itineraries be made up.

The convincing power of these graphic representations of proven facts has been tested in Germany and found to be a very effective means of teaching the people the dangers in the beverage use of alcohol.

The great Temperance and Law Enforcement Parade, of Saturday, September 26, was a great success in every way. It was large in numbers, representing all ages; it had numerous splendid mottoes and floats, and was largely representative of the Temperance forces of the city. Not only the thousands who marched in the parade but the greater number of thousands who watched were impressed by these facts. The following remark overheard is indicative of the general feeling among people not active in temperance work: "Well, I'll have to give up, there is more temperance sentiment in the city of Chicago than I had thought."

Let us not forget that next year's parade will be even a greater success for the Temperance cause. In spite of the publicity given to this one there were yet many churches, many organizations, and even more individuals who did not hear of the parade until it had taken place. With careful planning the parade of next year will be a tremendous factor in the fight for a clean Chicago.

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.

(Extract from address by Arthur Burrage Farwell, President of the Chicago Law and Order League, Hegewisch M. E. Church, 134th and Superior avenue, Sunday evening, July 26, 1908.)

It is highly desirable that the respect for the Sabbath should be maintained. It is one of the cornerstones of good citizenship, one of the cardinal virtues of the individual. What about the open saloon, the open "amusement park," the dance halls with the liquor attachments, and other forms of expressing that vague sentiment "Personal Liberty"?

In connection with the subject of "amusement parks" I wish to say that I attended with other witnesses what is called the Turkish theater at Sans Souci Park, and saw the dance there given. The way it was enacted stamped such exhibitions as one of the primary departments in educating for houses of ill-fame.

Chicago needs more than all else an awaking of the public conscience. Men gauge too lightly infractions of the moral law. It should be a cardinal principle to frown upon everything that will not bear the test of righteousness.

Some one has said if a man could go through hell unscathed he would have a stronger character. Admitted, but how few of us could go through hell unscathed? A certain brewer has given out the idea that it strengthens a man to be brought into temptation, but Jesus Christ knew men and showed his love by the supreme sacrifice of his own life and he said: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Many a man and woman would today be an honor to themselves, their family and their race if it was not for temptation.

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ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE NOTES.

Dr. H. C. Newton.

We are glad to see our friend, Superintendent James K. Shields, back in the harness after his serious illness.

The League prepared two enlarged "wet and dry" maps of Illinois for the temperance parade of September 26, showing at a distance of 100 feet or more what the local option law did to Illinois.

Cartoonist Fickel of the Illinois Issue, by a series of eight clever cartoons, shows how "Homeless Hector" (The United Societies) got kicked out of the recent republican and democratic conventions. These "personal liberty" planks, so cleverly laid into last spring's platforms were just a little too rank to retain with safety.

The Anti-Saloon League's year book, just out, is a whole library on the temperance and saloon question.

The whisky crowd, through the Model License League, is trying hard to destroy the church people's confidence in the American Anti-Saloon League by charging that it is run only for graft, and that the League's officials receive exorbitant salaries. The best answer to this widely published slander is the public accountant's report on the League's annual statement of receipts and expenditures published each year. The eleven men of the American Anti-Saloon League who devote their entire time to the work receive in the aggregate $17,400 yearly which makes their average salary much less than that of the preacher of like ability. Those who know the men at the head of this organization and realize the effectiveness of the great work which they do will easily understand the motive underlying these malicious accusations.

THE WAR ON THE CIGARETTE.

Lucy Page Gaston, Superintendent National Anti-Cigarette League.

Legislation Needed.

The "Boys' Petition" is a matter in which the boys of every church in Chicago will be interested.

The boys of Springfield, Illinois, being "on the ground" are able to do much to help in a state legislative campaign. Last year they mustered "a thousand strong" for a great street parade, while the legislature was in session, to show where the boys stand on the cigarette question. The Governor's fourteen year old son, Ashley Deneen, was chosen president of the Springfield League which made this great demonstration.

Through the power of Tobacco Trust influence and money the bill failed to pass in the form desired and the fight must be made over again and in the lining up of the forces much will be expected from the part the boys will take.

The names of 100,000 boys on the Boys' Petition sent to the Springfield Headquarters and properly mounted is the present plan. Mr. C. J. Christopher who is the head of this work will have the assistance of the Springfield boys who are alert and ready to work. The beautiful new Y. M. C. A. building is the Springfield Anti-Cigarette Headquarters and Secretary Hansen and Assistant Secretary Earl are as enthusiastic as City Superintendent Christopher and his League of Boys.

Every nook and corner of the state will be watched if present plans carry and of course Chicago boys will lead off in the movement.

CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE NOTES.

Alida H. O'Connor, Secretary C. T. A. U. of Illinois.

The Catholic Temperance County Board will hold its regular monthly meeting in St. Mary's Hall, 490 Wabash avenue, Sunday, September 27, at 3 p. m. The State Board will hold a meeting at the same place after the county board adjourns.

Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan C. P. S. President of the C. T. A. Union of Illinois is also treasurer of the C. T. A. Union of America.

The National Union will hold its next Convention in Chicago the second week of August, 1909.

The Catholic Temperance Advocate is published by St. Paul's Guild, 475 S. State street. It is fifty cents a year or five cents a copy.

Father Matthew's Birthday, October 10, will be duly celebrated by the C. T. A. U. of Illinois and all Catholic temperance societies throughout the world.

Mr. John F. Cuneen, a most active worker of the Knights of Father Matthew, is speaking for the Anti-Saloon League in Ohio.

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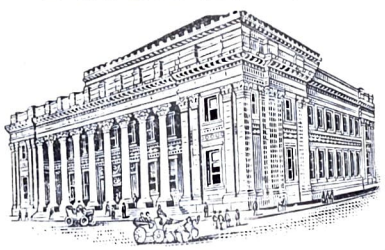

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We ask each one who has one of these posters to put it up in his window or in some conspicuous place from the 13th of October to the 30th of November.

One hundred and six thousand of the "Real Issue" post cards have been sent out from Y. P. C. T. U. headquarters since the 28th of May. Each one tells its story and is helping in its own way to solve the liquor problem. They are splendid for all kinds of announcements by any organization wishing to speak for the Temperance Cause.

Do not forget to make your vote count November 3rd.

The evening of October the 13th when the Y. P. C. T. U. uphold the Cause of Temperance against the Manufacturers and Dealers Club at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

To watch the billboards from October 13 to November 3.

JOY IN JERUSALEM.

The revolution in Turkey had an effect in Jerusalem, when the unexpected and amazing news of the change in affairs reached that city, reports of which read like the fulfillment of the prophecies of the latter chapters of Isaiah. Jerusalem has long been a city of the dead so far as any demonstration of public spirit is concerned. Without newspapers, public halls or meetings of any sort where public affairs could be discussed, it has not for many years shown any signs of civic pride or unity or national patriotism. But read Isaiah, chapter 54, and then turn to current newspaper reports of what followed the public reading of the proclamation of the new regime, Aug. 8. The Mohammedans held a thanksgiving service with a sermon in a mosque within the Temple area. Armenian Christian monks entertained Mohammedans at a garden party on Mt. Zion, serving them with lemonade, coffee and cigarettes. Jews, now the largest single element of the heterogeneous population, were entertained at the Orthodox Greek Christian Convent by the Patriarch Damianos of the Greek Church, were sprinkled with rose water and fed with sweets. Many of them expressed their joy by processions, with speeches thanking the Sultan for liberty. There was a procession of Protestants headed by the Turkish military band, an address was delivered by the native Lutheran minister of Bethlehem, after which the whole company were reeeived by the acting governor, when a speech was made by a native minister of the Church Missionary Society. Religious bodies which had antagonized one another for hundreds of years, exchanged friendly greetings. Jews shook hands with Greeks, Moslems embraced Armenians, Catholics and Protestants of various sects walked side by side under the Turkish flag. A newspaper, printed in Hebrew and Arabic, began to be published Aug. 17. "The voice of thy watchmen! they lift up the voice, together do they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when Jehovah returneth to Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for Jehovah hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem."

All that the Christian really wishes is that the world should not obstruct and intercept the rays of happiness which come to him from the heavenly sanctuary.—Saphir.

The Union Bible Class

Conducted by The Moody Bible Institute opens its winter session on Saturday afternoon, October 17th, in the Moody Church, corner of Chicago and LaSalle avenues.

This popular weekly Bible conference has added an extra hour this season. The sessions are from 3 to 10 o'clock.

3:00 o'clock—Prayer Hour, conducted by different pastors.

4:00 o'clock—Christian Growth Hour, Dr. James M. Gray.

5:00 o'clock—Christian Service Hour, Mr. A. P. Fitt.

6:00 o'clock—Luncheon Hour.

6:30 o'clock—Praise Hour, Mr. C. H. Coultes.

7:00 o'clock—Sunday School Hour, Mr. John H. Hunter.

8:00 o'clock—Bible Hour, Dr. A. C. Dixon.

9:00 o'clock—Prayer Hour, Mr. A. F. Gaylord.

This is a rare opportunity to hear such men as Doctors Gray, Dixon and the other speakers.

The aim of the class is to get those who are in attendance better acquainted with the Word of God and how to use it in every-day life.

The three o'clock prayer hour will be conducted largely by pastors; and at which time requests for prayer will be gladly remembered. Such requests should be sent to A. F. Gaylord, 80 Institute place.

The luncheon hour at 6 o'clock is for the purpose of accommodating those who live at a distance.

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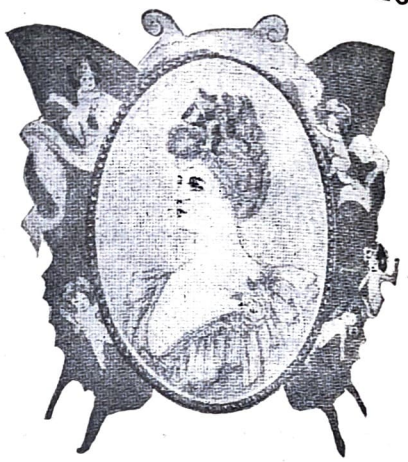

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Who dat trampin' across de floah?
Dat's Br'er Wind.
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Dat's Br'er Wind.

In he comes to set a while,
Keep yo' comp'ny, make yo' smile;
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Strange dat he scare yo' mos' to death,
Makes yo' hide yo' head an' hol' yo' breath;
Ole Br'er Wind.

If yo's jes' boun' not to be afraid,
Say, "Dat's Br'er Wind makin' his raid";
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